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Date: April 12, 2019

Dear Permittee:

On April 09, 2019, Andy and Kendell met with you to discuss the 2019 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Sponseller and Ortega Allotments. The two allotments will be run together by one herd with a rest rotation schedule. The pasture rotation and numbers authorized for the 2019 grazing season are listed below:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Sponseller	South Sponseller	390 Head	June 1 to June 29
Sponseller	East Sponseller	390 Head	June 30 to July 13
Ortega	Bourdon	390 Head	July 14 to August 3
Ortega	Ortega	390 Head	August 4 to August 31
Ortega	East Mormon	390 Head	September 1 to September 21
Ortega	West Mormon	390 Head	September 22 to October 5
Ortega	Woolhouse	390 Head	October 6 to October 31

The West Sponseller Pasture will be rested this year. The 390 head will be made up of 370 cow/calf and 20 bulls. The desired utilization level for the 2019 grazing season will be 35% on average for all pastures. Utilization will be measured in key areas on key species for each pasture. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by the Forest Service. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved out of the pasture within 3 days of the planned rotation date. You must notify the Forest Service if there is a need to deviate from the planned move date.

We will work on obtaining all the proper clearances for performing maintenance on the Sponseller Siding Corral this year. Any additional new projects must be approved by the Forest Service and all clearances obtained before any work can begin. Please let us know if there are additional projects needed throughout the grazing season so that we can begin this process.

By this letter, I also authorize you or people working for you, to cut, use, or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Sponseller and Ortega Allotments. A copy of this letter must be in possession by you or them while engaged in any tree cutting.



If you have any questions, please contact Kendell or Andy at the Lakeside office, (928) 368-2100, or at the Black Mesa office, (928)535-7300. This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the Sponseller and Ortega Allotments for the 2019 grazing year. If needed, I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions during the grazing season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward Collins", written over a horizontal line.

EDWARD COLLINS
District Ranger